



# Volunteer Marine Rescue

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## MINUTES

### Forum Meeting

**Date:** 3 February 2015

**Time:** 1915

**Venue:** VMR400 Training Room

#### Attendance – as per signed register

Minute Taker	K O'Shea
New Members	Michael Mudge (White crew); Geeta (White Crew); Mark Perry (Green Crew)
Apologies from the floor	As per the floor and SGM minutes – see attendance record for attendance list
1 minute silence in respect for the passing of Senior Skipper Chris Leech	
Radio Operator introductions	Tony Hillier; Charlie Hendry; Anne McMurray; Diana Gibson

#### Presentations

**Statements of Attainment** – Trevor Bellis; Nathan Brown; Chris Hargreaves; Annabel Hilton; Stephen Hipkiss; Terry Hunt; Tony Kyle; Carly Lovell; Joshka L; Sean O'Hanlon; Mark Raff; Rex Scott; Jules Smibert; Bruce Watson

Training: Bruce Anderson; Peter Barker; Dale Brink; Ken Gibbs; Scott Gregory; Jason Horn; Tim Hutchison; Dave Mac; Glenn Norris; Kate O'Shea; Trevor Park; Greg Turner.

#### Crew Ranking -

#### 3.0 Previous Minutes

3.1	<b>MOVED THAT</b> the minutes of the Forum meeting of December 2, 2014 be accepted as a true and accurate record.
	<b>PROPOSED</b> Martin Walsh <b>SECONDED</b> Merv Handley <b>MOTION CARRIED</b>

#### 4.0 Moments in History – nil

**Greg Turner**

#### 5.0 Crew Reports

5.1	<b>Green – Martin Walsh</b>	3 crews – Many visitors due to MR4 – Dale, Bob Jordan, Glenn, Jake, Rex Scott; as short on skippers for training purposes 1. Helping fishing club then 2 vessels dragging anchor – Green and White crew job – needed drill to pull up anchor. 2. Many yachts – 1 yacht broken rudder off Tugun – all vessels in Seaway to clear seaway due to poor steering – SWT supported too. 3. Lots of rain; houseboats taking on water; vessels that sunk – searching for drunk woman offshore at 4am – rang QPS later to report she was OK. Vessel in regatta near the Pin – spinnaker caught in mainsail – 6.5 hours tow due to the swell. White crew came to assist due to length of time. QPS commanded vessel to put life jackets on \$1000 + \$700.
5.2	<b>White – Dave Mac</b>	4 crews – 77 activations – 2 crews for MR4 endorsement. Thanks to Trevor, Merv, GT to assist with this. Stephen Hipkiss and Dale Brink also assisted. Night radar offshore training. Medivac from Tiplers – only night Martin not here. Yacht called up but never called back through Seaway – 1am. 2 fishermen had observed yacht arrive and disappear to Currigee – finally raised to mobile phone. Call 530 am – tinny rolled in Seaway called in by AVCG – was actually rolled over in Currumbin. 21 tows 5 offshore. \$900 donations – 1500 L fuel. No complaints.
5.3	<b>Red – Al Curtis</b>	- 3 crews – 1. Bruce and Merv in, thank you. \$350 1 job 1 dispersal - 2. 9 jobs – Merv in thanks. Ax MR4 Rob Sinclair \$205 - 3. Trevor in, thanks – Rob and Bob Jordan did assessments in MR4. 20 jobs \$1330. - New Years Eve Crew: - - 15 in overall over 24 hours. Nothing of note only 8 jobs. \$335.
5.4	<b>Yellow – n/a</b>	No report
5.5	<b>Black – Ken Gibbs</b>	3 crews – 1. medivac with First responder – allergic reaction; training; \$616; Annie came in



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5.0	Crew Reports	
		<p>2. GT came in White crew borrowed a boat for 1 day – run to the pin (Bob and Matt F) – 6 assists; nothing memorable</p> <p>3. Annie came in again; 1 assist – pre-organised tow. Big storm occurred at 4pm but no dragging anchors – most remarkable part of the day (\$150)</p>
5.6	Blue - Scott Gregory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 4 crews – what a month 4 crews thanks to Trevor P x2; GT x 3 hours; Merv; Glenly; Raffy; John Wise – whole day.</li> <li>- 28 activations for jobs - \$2900 for 4 crews.</li> <li>- Highlights:</li> <li>- 2 offshore jobs; MR1 off Cook Island to Runaway canals – 100 fathoms of water off Tugun – ½ Nm off Cook Island when we got there – 2<sup>nd</sup> job at 30 fathom line</li> <li>- Kate through MR4 Assessment – thanks to Trevor and Merv</li> <li>- 2 fires in 1 week – Australia Day crew – house fire at Couran cove departed base 10pm; all vessels saw and picked up 20 QFES + 4 QAS + 6 QPS emergency services members = wasp creek were there too; got very good feedback;</li> <li>- MOB for fender search offshore 2 boats; found lost fender – shows effective nature</li> <li>- 43" Riviera lost steering in the Seaway at the time of the fire as well</li> <li>- Vessel fire offshore – 11am – 50+ phone calls about the boat fire; calls rang were ++ - local traffic difficult to silence</li> <li>- Man was very severely burnt; Troy Tozer ran pt in to shore;</li> <li>- MR1 and MR2 extinguished the fire</li> <li>- Since 1 Jan 2014 – Blue crew made \$12000 – only 4 crews with no money – big wrap to Blue crew;</li> <li>- Tim had call from best friend – in stable-ish condition – very severely injured but in lots of pain but getting better.</li> </ul>
5.7	Callouts – Tim Hutchison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Inundated – Jan figures –</li> <li>- 19 callouts for 25 jobs – often end up with 1 job turning into many.</li> <li>- Many people tried to help – big thank you to all. Some standouts e.g. Guy Coubrough; Peter Barker; some regulars had a nice holiday; Rex thank you. Roy – thank you always. Glenly also; Glenly is here so often – we are lucky to have him.</li> <li>- Fuel 4500 L – December. 5500 L - January</li> <li>- 197 activations 68 vessels towed.</li> <li>- \$37000 for year to date on fuel (john Lang)</li> </ul>

6.0	Management Reports		
Item	Brief Discussion	Action/Outcome	Officer
6.1	TREASURER	<p>Absent – John in Jo's stead.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assist forms – please ensure use donation – don't pay GST on donations; whereas 10% GST on reimbursement.</li> <li>- \$39K income – quite good. \$37K fuel. Quite high. Please consider training.</li> <li>- \$47K donations to date – many renewals add on a donation.</li> <li>- \$5280 assists to other squadrons.</li> <li>- \$3000 we have had to pay for other squadrons to assist us.</li> <li>- Raffle - \$5K collected thus far. \$4800 spent – but PR value as well. (Prizes were \$4500 approx).</li> <li>- Query from floor to the raising of costs – Management committee decided against in June due to AVCG membership = \$50.</li> </ul>	John Lang as rep.
6.2	SECRETARY	Please fill in the forms not the small bits of paper – hard to file.	Diana Gibson
6.3	VICE PRESIDENT	Nothing to add	Dave McDonald
6.4	SEARCH & RESCUE COORDINATOR	<p>Over the last couple of months – no boat damage/incidents HOWEVER in last week – 3 complaints of minor incidents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If no report after an incident; skipper and duty skipper will be stood down until investigated. Crews also responsible to report incidents. 48 hours for reports. Phone Tim always.</li> <li>- Vessels damage needs to be reported.</li> <li>- Other squadrons have been passed jobs that Tim doesn't know about. Radio Operator ONLY calls midweek</li> </ul>	Tim Hutchison



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		<p>controller; They are the ones to choose whether to pass jobs on or not.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AVCG – VMR Southport member got told to contact AVCG in Brisbane – incorrect – WE contact them. Very important PR. Pass ALL things on to midweek controller.</li> </ul>	
6.5	COMMUNICATIONS CONTROLLER	Absent	Jacob Rudge
6.6	OPERATIONS CONTROLLER	<p>Glenny joke.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exceptionally busy over past months. Significant activations.</li> <li>Thank you to all for the effort.</li> <li>Thanks also to midweek controllers and Tim with extra hours ++. 1 medivac. Call to Browns for chest pain – QAS. Patient jumped on to MR1 back deck. Very scary; very unusual behaviours from the man on board; very inappropriate conversation – remained very intimidating. Managed to get him back to the Grand. QAS transported. Was threatened with watch house.</li> <li>MR3 – awaiting power head. No compression 1 cylinder awaiting from USA; can't guarantee when it'll be ready.</li> <li>MR2 seat welded back on today.</li> <li>Radio tower – surveys done; submitted; awaiting progress.</li> <li>Pontoon – meeting tomorrow night - \$40K repair as per grant. Rollers all damaged now over Christmas.</li> <li>Sanctuary Cove donation – for MR1 equipment \$4750 thanks to Allan Coy SWT Coordinator.</li> <li>Winches serviced today.</li> <li>Please don't lock Skippers log at end of crew. Can't get in easily to fix mistakes.</li> <li>Many mistakes with start and end engine hours.</li> <li>Active member enquiries – only take details and pass on. Can't join the crew they choose – we allocate not the members.</li> <li>If anybody has an accident with bedding – please clean it yourself; not leave it for others.</li> <li>Commend the teamwork – Blue Crew did very well with the 2 fires – very difficult to know what is happening for us and also emergency services.</li> <li>Burn victim – Glenn did pain management; student paramedic hosed him; paramedics treated him to stabilise.</li> <li>Smoke inhalation from the house fire at Couran Cove.</li> <li>New Years Medivac – 4 ambulances arrived for 1 hand injury.</li> <li>Uniforms - Shoes – no longer able to get Helly Hansens – trying to find new ones – please give suggestions for brands.</li> <li>Discussions of how to handle aggression – call QPS and discuss with QAS.</li> <li>Rex has volunteered to assist to polish the vessels – this week during the week.</li> </ul>	Glenn Norris
6.7	COMMITTEE MEMBER 1	<p>2 projects underway currently:</p> <p>1 – additional media and \$ for MR4</p> <p>2 – financial incentives for partnerships with banks</p> <p>Gold Coast City Marina – co-sponsorship – awards night for raffle tickets. 31 books in 40 minutes.</p>	Martin Walsh



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>special offer for 2 year gold membership – GC City Marina new members only. TBC.</li> <li>Large project to be funded or assist with. Boat ramp perhaps.</li> </ul>	
6.8	COMMITTEE MEMBER 2	Nothing to add	Bob Jordan
6.9	PRESIDENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stand behind the SRC's comments –</li> <li>Thank you to all for giving time to help with callouts; many long days for people helping.</li> <li>AVCG not as strong therefore extra pressure on us; thank you to all.</li> <li>December – MR2 engines incident – jetski incident. The process: within 1 week 2 engines were replaced; big thank you to our insurance companies – Tuesday occurred; Friday approved replacement; Saturday new engines in situ with full payout. Nautilus Marine and VMRAQ President travelled down specially. \$2K excess. Marine incident report is in; being followed up.</li> <li>SYC at work – many members there will approach Steve P. 1 incident has now stated we are no longer welcome to train in the yacht club.</li> <li>NO practice in SYC any more.</li> <li>Full committee now – all going well; Radio Tower and pontoon works underway this year. Significant costs – please encourage donations. Keep up the good work to those who have worked hard to try to ensure donations if possible.</li> <li>It is OK to moor to where we feel safe so don't have to go to their pens.</li> <li>MR1 serviced on Thursday and antifouling the rams; MR2 hesitation under load reviewed today.</li> </ul>	Steve Pomas
6.10	RADIO OPERATIONS CONTROLLER	Absent	Bev Weldon
6.11	UNIT TRAINING COORDINATOR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Changeover from TDM to new MAR package happened smoothly however reality is that old package needs to be RPL'd – if not completed a package you need to start again.</li> <li>All Inshore Skipper candidates – need to be assessed in MR3, then when Duty Skipper is happy; can be nominated to do 15 hours and assessments into MR4.</li> <li>Please put ranking requests in ASAP so they can be started.</li> </ul>	Dave McDonald

7.0 General Business			
Item	Who	Brief Discussion	
7.1	Steve Pomas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chris Leech – would like to do dispersal – 10am this Sunday. Please attend Seaway Wall – near the SWT. Please attend if possible.</li> <li>Will add Chris' name to memorial plaque.</li> </ul>	
7.2	John Stanfield	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Had some good stories tonight – makes us realise what we do when the chips are down. Terrific we can perform under those conditions.</li> <li>V Sheet – deadline for next issue has passed. Many pieces submitted including SCIBS want full-page article as well.</li> <li>Please send items ASAP.</li> <li>Advertising has been suffering – need to have a volunteer since John Lang has withdrawn as Advertising supporter. Need volunteers please – or just to give a hand.</li> </ul>	
7.3	Guy Coubrough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update of this month's training.</li> </ul>	

8.0	Lucky Door Prize – John Stanfield		
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Meeting Closed 2120 hours      Next Meeting 1900 hrs Tuesday 3 March 2015. Red crew responsible for next meeting





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Minutes Signed

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